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cheerfully made.)

**"It's good to have money and the things
money can buy; but it's good, too, to check
up once in awhile and make sure you haven't
lost the things that money can't buy."—Geo.
Horace Lorimer.**

HOW ABOUT IT, MR. TOWN MAN?

Our correspondent out at Rural Hill is bringing up the
question of a hitching lot again. This shows that the
people of the county are vitally interested in hitching
facilities in Columbus.

The Chamber of Commerce hitching lot committee will
appear before the March meeting of the city council and
present the matter to the city fathers, and the committee
is confident that it will meet with cordial response.

Read what "Ruralite" has to say:

"What has become of our hitching lot? You may
think we are going to let up on you fellows about this
hitching lot, and the drinking fountains, but just
as long as Mr. Imes will publish it, I am going to
keep the camp-fires burning until we get those
things. So you just as well get busy. Not long ago
one of my good neighbor farmers drove into Colum-
bus, and after trying to get into several places to
hitch and feed his team, he stopped his horses on a
back street (as he thought) and proceeded to unhitch
and feed them; and out from a near-by residence
came a well-dressed gentleman, who began to abuse
this farmer in a very abrupt manner. This good old
farmer did not lose his temper, but quietly explained
to the gentleman his condition, which he was quick to
see. He at once begged his pardon, told the good old
farmer that he had treated him wrong, and told him
to go ahead, and finished by giving him and his son
a pair of gloves. This gentleman, I think, is a trav-
eling salesman, and probably not fully acquainted
with the conditions that exist in Columbus, and we
are glad to know he was man enough to act the part
of a man when he saw the situation; and we are also
glad that our farmer neighbor did not lose his temper
and cuss back, like some of us might have done.
Now this city man is not so much to blame, for we do
not believe that the best citizens of Columbus want
the streets in front of their homes all littered up with
hay, corn cobs, and other such stuff. Now, Mr. Town
Man, take this home with you and ask your wife if
she would like for a lot of us country folks to come
and hitch, feed and litter up the street right up to the
front door. We are willing to leave the answer with
you, and if you men do not get busy and help us out,
we are going to call upon the ladies of our Aid Society,
the Chamber of Commerce, City Council, etc., so get
busy—for we are in this to win."

The Chamber of Commerce, working in co-operation
with the city administration, hopes soon to have a hitch-
ing lot in operation. We do not know of a greater com-
munity need at this time; one that more vitally inter-
ests the people of this trade center, than a well-organized
and regulated and well conducted hitching lot. All of
the people do not own automobiles, and we should see that
every consideration and convenience is furnished the peo-
ple who come to Columbus with teams.
Let's have a hitching lot.

LAW AND ORDER

The unfortunate affair on Sunday morning, in which
revolver shooting in the very heart of the city was in-
dulged in, was but the culmination of a series of similar
occurrences which have taken place in Columbus in recent
weeks or months.

Men—under the influence of mean liquor—have flaunted
the statutes on numerous occasions, in wanton disregard
of law and order and the peace of the community. They
have been hauled into court and fines have been imposed.
But this has failed to bring relief.

The Mayor has been indulgent. He has used every
means of coping with the situation without resorting to
drastic measures. He has exhausted every resource; he
has made every allowance for the frailties of human
nature; he has been generous in his attitude, and kindly
considerate.

Monday, in open court, the Mayor announced his deter-

DANISH VIOLINIST AT LEE HIGH SCHOOL

Music lovers of the city, who are
always ready for something worth
while, will have the pleasure of listen-
ing to the famous Danish Violinist,
Axel Skovgaard at the S. D. Lee
High school auditorium, next Friday
evening.

The virtuoso will be accompanied
by his wife, formerly Alice McClung,
an American girl and pianist of fame,
while Miss Pearl Winterbee will give
vocal selections.

Commenting on a recent concert
given by the famous artist, an Okla-
homa paper has this to say: "Opening
with a leisurely sonata in E minor
(Emil Sjogren) the famous violinist
led his hearers upward through a

series of compositions which gather-
ed in intensity and power, calling for
skill and technique of the highest or-
der, yet executed with a calm assur-
ance of power and brilliance which
seemingly involved little effort on
the part of the performer."

NOTICE TO BUSINESS MEN

Business man can get the best of
hot meals at the "Ta Room North
of Post Office. Dinner served daily
from 12:00 to 1:30 for 50 cents.
Permanent and transient boarders
wanted.

Ladies! vote for J. R. Gray for
Constable Special Election March 8th.

Good Mules for sale at the Ice Plant.

mination to put a stop to lawlessness if possible. He will
have the cordial support of the law-abiding people of this
community who have only the public welfare at heart, the
protection of human life, and the safeguarding of individ-
ual and property rights.

It is exceedingly unfortunate that young men will allow
themselves to be so influenced as to disregard the law
and the rights of other people. We do not believe they
were inspired by any malicious intent either to jeopardize
human life or to destroy property. But the effect is just
the same, and if the tendency is allowed to run its course
it will inevitably lead to serious consequences.

The time to stop it is now.

At a meeting of the membership forum of the Chamber
of Commerce, Monday night, citizens will have an oppor-
tunity to express themselves on the subject of law and
order, and among them will be Mayor Glover.

Officers of the law, and all those who are charged with
the enforcement of the law, will be re-assured of the sup-
port of the people of this community.

YOUR CHANCES IN A TORNADO

Nature is never completely at rest—never completely
at peace as we humans understand peace.

The earth hurls itself through space at a terrific speed,
annihilating anything that gets in its way. Somewhere
on the earth volcanoes are constantly vomiting liquid de-
struction. Earthquakes rock the crust of the world here
or there every few days. Sun and frost crack solid rock.
The restless tides smash man-made works. Seeds burst,
and roots tear through walls.

In this favored country of ours we are fortunate in that
we are singularly free from the destructive forces of
Nature. But not entirely free. For instance, on occasion,
the tornado darts down upon us. It devastates a small
area and then disappears into the clouds above. The
springtime is the most favored season of the tornado.

But nervous, timid Americans have little cause to lose
sleep over the tornado—not if they will reflect on the
chances involved. The weather bureau people roughly
estimate the number of tornadoes in bad years as about
three hundred. Even so, the average number killed in a
year by such storms is only about 150, so that the de-
struction of life per tornado is not great—about one in
every 700,000 of the population.

The recent big wind in Georgia ripped over a territory
of less than half a mile wide by less than five miles long,
or about two square miles. At that, the territory cov-
ered is usually much less than a square mile. The total
area of the United States is 3,026,000 square miles, so
that a tornado represents, on the average, less than a
pin-head on our map.

Thus, as one of the population of America, you stand
only one chance in 700,000 of being killed in a wind storm.
And the square mile in which your home is located, has
less than one chance in over three million of being devas-
tated by a weather disturbance that takes a notion to fire
a cannon ball earthward in the form of a tornado.

LOYAL CITIZEN LEAVES

Columbus this week loses one of her most loyal and
patriotic and progressive citizens. Mr. S. B. Street, Jr.,
left yesterday for Birmingham, where he goes to engage
in business.

Mr. Street has been a loyal, patriotic and devoted citi-
zen of Columbus, and our community can ill afford to lose
him. In every movement looking to the promotion of the
best interests of Columbus, he was always found in the
forefront.

In the Chamber of Commerce drive last fall, Mr. Street
was a directing genius in the preliminary organization
work, and to him—as much as to any other one man—a
large measure of the credit for the magnificent success of
the campaign is due. Of this fact the writer has per-
sonal knowledge, and this opportunity is seized to pay just
and deserving tribute to the splendid public and community
service rendered by Mr. Street at that time.

He served as President of the Chamber of Commerce a
few years ago, and he brought to that position rare qual-
ities of leadership and organization and executive ability.
Mr. Street has served his native city as school trustee,
and last year was elected to the city council, but withdrew
before his term of office expired because he contemplated
leaving Columbus.

In his going to Birmingham, Columbus loses a good and
true citizen. He will be a valuable acquisition to the fine
and progressive spirit of the Magic City.

The best wishes of countless friends will follow Mr.
Street and his family to their new home.

THE WILL OF A STATE'S PEOPLE

The people who are still arguing against California's
action in voting an alien land measure into law, thus pre-
venting the Japanese immigrants from holding land in
that state, are finding comfort in the fact that as many
as one-third of the ballots were cast against the measure.
In other words, only two-thirds of the voters declared
against the Japs.

Irrespective of the merits of the case, which is another
story, we rather look on a two-to-one vote in an election
as a landslide.

The friends of the Japs are keeping up the agitation, as
they have a right in a democracy, but there surely must
be a revulsion of sentiment—a veritable revolution of
opinion, so to speak—to change the result of that recent
referendum in California.

The majority of the people rule. Right or wrong, their
expressed determination is, and should be, the law. The
people of California have declared themselves, and as true
American citizens we should respect their decision—at
the very least, so far as their own State is concerned.

FRANKLIN LIBRARY DRIVE

The Franklin Library Campaign, so
enthusiastically launched last Friday,
met with a very generous response
from the public. Lessons were aban-
doned for Friday, and immediately af-
ter assembling the pupils, all of
whom had signified an eagerness to
participate in the drive, were allowed
to go out in the city for a house to
house canvass for contributions.

The teacher and pupils devoted
about four hours to the canvass and
reported their success at 2:30, when
the amount secured was counted.
Something over \$500 was obtained, a
nice beginning, considering the num-
ber of campaigns in progress and the
stringency of the times.

The Indelible Clue

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"Landing the counterfeit is all well
and good, but where does it get us if
we don't know who made them?"

The speaker, William J. Burns, then
connected with the United States
secret service, glanced up from his
examination of a large sofa which his
associates had stopped just as it was
on the point of being shipped from
New York to Costa Rica—a sofa which
was stuffed, not with wool or hair, but
with \$2,000,000 worth of counterfeit
Costa Rican money, destined to finance
a Latin-American revolution.

So far as the men who had been
working on the case had been able to
discover, there was no way in which
to trace the shipment. It had been
brought to the dock in an ordinary
dray which, having unloaded its bur-
den, had driven off, to be lost among
thousands of others of its kind in the
streets of New York. Of the men who
had shipped the sofa, the men re-
sponsible for counterfeiting the cur-
rency of a friendly nation, there was
no indication whatever.

But Burns made a careful, almost
microscopic, examination of the bur-
lap with which the furniture had been
wrapped. Down in one corner, half-
obliterated, he discovered a peculiar
mark—the numerals "2 XX 64"—which
the detective rightly presumed re-
ferred in some way to the manufac-
turers of the fabric.

Inquiry through trade channels
brought the information that burlap
of that kind, bearing the "XX" mark,
was sold by only one concern in the
East. But even that discovery didn't
bring Burns much closer to his quarry,
for the books of the firm in question
showed that more than 2,000 dealers
had purchased "XX" burlap within the
past year. One by one these dealers
were eliminated, until only six re-
mained. Among these was a furniture
house in Long Island City and when
that store opened for business on the
following morning a square-jawed,
stockily-built man of medium height
entered and asked to see the manager.
"My name is Burns," he stated, slip-
ping back the lapel of his coat in such
a way as to afford a glimpse of his
secret service badge. "I would like
to have the opportunity of looking at
the stock of burlap which you have
on hand at the present time, in order
to assist the government in running
down a case of considerable impor-
tance."

But right there the man who solved
many mysteries ran into a snag. None
of the burlap bore the "2 XX 64" mark.
The "XX" was there, but the numer-
als were all different.

"When did you get this stock in?"
asked the detective.

"About a month ago," was the reply.
"Have you any of the former mate-
rial on hand?"

The manager was inclined to think
not, but a careful search of the ware-
house brought to light a single piece
of the former supply and there, in the
corner, was the clue that Burns had
hoped to find—the indelible "2 XX 64."

"Now," snapped the secret service
man, "if you will let me see your
books for the past three or four
months, I won't bother you any
longer."

That same afternoon Burns and two
of his associates rang the bell of a
house in Brooklyn occupied by a Mrs.
Loni, who was, according to the clerk
who had made the sale, "a Spanish
woman who insisted upon buying a
sofa of a certain kind, well padded
and heavily stuffed." The sofa an-
swered the description of the one
which was being held at the wharf,
and the very fact that the purchaser
had been Spanish added the final con-
necting link. But, in order to avoid
any possible slipup, Burns located the
expressman who had taken the furni-
ture from the Loni house to the dock
—a feat which was far from difficult
once he had a clue to the location of
the home of the counterfeiters.

As he had expected, Mrs. Loni dis-
claimed any knowledge of the ship-
ment and fell back upon a professed
lack of understanding of English to
bolster up her position. To her amazement,
the detective replied in fluent
Spanish, informing her that he had all
the facts in the case—the statement of
the clerk who had sold the sofa, the
expressman who had carried it to the
dock and the fact that he had seen
with his own eyes \$2,000,000 in coun-
terfeit bills taken from the piece of
furniture.

"This house is surrounded," con-
cluded Burns, "I've got my hand on
my gun and I'm going to stay right
here until I land the men who made
that money if it takes me—" But it
didn't take as long as he had expected,
for, as he spoke, the woman's son-in-
law, Ricardo de Requenas, stepped
into the room and admitted that he
and another Spaniard had been re-
sponsible for making and planting the
counterfeits.

"The next time you try to pull off
anything of the kind," Burns said as
he took them into custody, "be careful
of the markings on the burlap you use.
Overlooking details of that kind is
likely to cost you several years in the
penitentiary!"

In the Movies.
"We had a fine old lady to repre-
sent Barbara Frietchie, at least we
asked her to help us out. But she
lacked the spirit of the original Bar-
bara."

"How so?"
"Didn't want us to shoot."—Louis-
ville Courier-Journal.

Vote for J. R. Gray for Constable.

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TO DAY

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frailties and their virtues. It takes them sometimes on the crest of the wave of success,
and sometimes on the stormy rocks—then they drift as so much driftwood—but it pic-
tures life always. It is GRIFFITH'S masterly interpretation of humanity.

Admission 20 and 30c.

THURSDAY, MARCH 3rd

AN ALL STAR CAST IN

"CLOTHES"

A SOCIETY DRAMA BY CHANNING POLLOCK
AND AVERY HOPWOOD.

—What do women want most? Money, Position, Love,
Fame, or What?

—Her income of \$2,000 a year was so much pin-money
to the set she moved with. Yet she could not resist
the caress of Luxury.

—BEAUTIFUL WOMEN; WONDERFUL GOWNS!

—A Veritable Fashion Show!

"HIS UNLUCKY JOB—A COMEDY"

Admission 10 and 20c.

FRIDAY, MARCH 4th.

George Walsh in "Number 17"

—Louis Tracy's Story of Realism and Romance in the heart of New York.

—ALSO—

ELMO LINCOLN IN "THE FLAMING DISK"

Admission 10 and 20c.

SATURDAY, MARCH 5th

DOROTHY DALTON IN "HALF AN HOUR"

SIR JAMES BARRIE'S FAMOUS PLAY

Admission 10 and 20c.

Hon. Jno. Frierson was transacting
business in Macon last week.

Ladies! vote for J. R. Gray for
Constable Special Election March 8th.

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Axel Skovgaard

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VIOLINIST

Will give a recital at the Stephen
D. Lee High School

FRIDAY, MARCH 4th

8 P. M.

Skovgaard is well-known in Columbus having
previously appeared here.